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Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

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Assembly Budget Committee

Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair
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Sections 26.00—Early Start Caseload Recovery, Department of Developmental Services

Pursuant to Section 26.00 of the 2020 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to transfer \$18,400,000 from Program 4140019—Purchase of Services to Program 4140015—Operations within Item 4300-101-0001. These funds are necessary to support caseload recovery in the Early Start program, which has seen a significant decline in enrollment since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. Transferring these resources will allow for additional outreach “child find” activities, increased assessments and determinations, and coordination of these efforts.

Additionally, Finance has received a request from DDS to transfer \$3,200,000 from Program 4140019—Purchase of Services to Program 4140015—Operations within Item 4300-101-0001. These funds are necessary to address an operations shortfall in the current year related to a decrease in anticipated reimbursements in fiscal year 2020-21.

Both adjustments were reflected in the May Revision Estimate. Given the immediate need to begin rebuilding the Early Start caseload and enter into contracts during the current year for outreach and intake efforts, it is respectfully requested that the Committee waive the 30-day waiting period requirement for an expedited review of this notification.

Finance concurs with the necessity of this change to the approved budget and will be approving the request upon submittal of this notification to the Legislature.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Steven Pavlov, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-6423.

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